VOIGHTAR Efforts of VA Volunteers in Coatesville, PA

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The VAVS newsletter has been created for all volunteers and potential volunteers of Coatesville VA Medical Center. This publication is meant to showcase the wonderful work our volunteers contribute to our Veterans here at Coatesville VAMC

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Coatesville Highlights





Country Fair Volunteers: Representatives from American Legion Auxiliaries offered and \$5 canteen books to each Veteran.











Front Cover photos: *Top left, right and center*: 6th Annual Hospitalized Veterans Tribute, 21st Ward Veterans Assn., Roxborough, PA *Bottom left*: DAR members show their volunteer shirts from the Wheelchair Games. *Bottom right:* Women Veterans enjoying a day of arts and crafts projects sponsored by volunteer Susan Kissinger.

Trinity Baptist Church, Coatesville, warmly welcome Veterans by providing Sunday brunch on the last

Sunday of every month. Picture below left and right: Volunteers from the congregation prepare the food.

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The CYI Service Corps is a program for youth between the ages of 14-18, which combines a summer-long service placement with a challenging life, academic, and leadership skills development curriculum. Youth are placed in teams of two or more at host





sites, where they participate in full time meaningful direct-service activities, which are to be specific and identifiable with measurable outcomeds, address a community need and provide a direct benefit to the community.

Pictured above right, clockwise: Tyra, worked in prosthetics, Leon in the canteen, Brenda, worked in podiatry, and Alex worked with Medical Media.

Best wishes to Ellena Allen in her recent retirement!

Ellena Allen served as the Lead Voluntary Support Assistant. Her retirement is well earned after 44 years at Coatesville VA Medical Center. Although Ellena is retiring, she will be a welcome visitor in her new capacity as a volunteer. We wish her well.







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Donations in, follow the money to see how your donations are used for the benefit of Veterans.



t is often asked, "how will my donation be used to help Veterans?" The answer is not always simple. Our Veteran patients are undergoing a transformation to heal which requires an intense amount of time and effort. One aspect of that recovery is diversional and therapeutic recreation. Your donation can be designated for recreation, personal care items, special events, hospice needs or emergent social work. Here are a few examples of the recreational activities your monetary donation will be used for.





Circus, fun for

the day!



We thank the volunteer organizations and individual volunteers for their generous support and donations over the last year.

New Volunteers

Please welcome them to their new assignments.

Adam Pearson - Acquisition Summer Program

Max Seiler - Recreation Assistant

Deborah Pradel - Deputy Representative for MOCA

David Pradel—Deputy Representative for MOC

James Lawler - Instructor Basic Computer Skills

Joshua Anderson - Chess Instructor

Tisha Jennings - IT/ Customer Support

Jennifer Savage—Recreation Assistant

Kara Siemer - Occupational Therapy

Jake Sarmento - Youth, NFS

Farah Khurshid - Youth Recreation Assistant

Tyra Harley - Youth

Larissa Anderson - Youth, Special Events

Brianna Tucker - Youth, Canteen

Jacquelyn Petrosky - Recreation Assistant Joan Groseclose
- Deputy Representative Order
of the Eastern

Donald Akins -Guest Service Desk

Kevin Britt - Human Resources

Marlene Malloy - Specail Events

William Gray - HAS Reception

Robin Divack - Special Events

Carmen Malizia - Special Events, DJ



Don't forget to get your FREE Flu Shot

Get a new parking sticker if you have a new vehicle

VAVS Representatives – The next quarterly VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) Meeting is Thursday, October 9th at 7pm.

Donations



Refreshments donated by the Coca Cola Distributors of Chester and Lancaster County



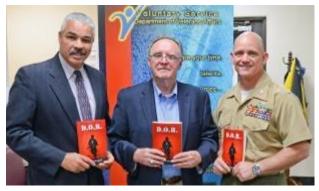
Coffee and tea donated by VFW Aux Post 928 Folsom



Big screen TV donated by the 21st Ward Veterans Assn.



Red Hat Ladies donated personal care items



Author, Vincent Daly (pictured center) donated 9 copies of his book, D.O.R. Pictured with (left) Earl Johnson and (right) John C. Church, Asst. Professor of English Communications Department, Immaculata University.



Daughters of the American Revolution donated lap quilts and ditty bags to the Community Living Center





"Quilts of Valor" donation of 12 handmade quilts



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RECURRING VOLUNTEER SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

Every Tuesday

Popcorn and Pretzel Sales @ Times Square: Benevolent and Paternal Order of Elks, Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Masonic Service Association

Hospitality Table @ MH Outpatient Clinic: VFW Aux Post 287 Coatesville

Every Thursday

Adopt a Grandparent program: 5th grade class from King's Highway Elementary

Volleyball 5-7pm @ Great Hall: Vietnam Veterans of America

Second Monday of the month

Bingo Party 2PM @ CLC: Military Order of the Purple Heart

Third Monday of the month

Bingo Party 2PM @ CLC: Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Chapter 25

Second Tuesday of the month

Social 2PM @ 59B: The Salvation Army

Second Thursday of the month

Bingo Party 2PM @ 59A: Marine Corps League

Last Sunday of the month

Brunch: Trinity Church Coatesville

Calendar of Volunteer Sponsored Activities

July 11 Re-Creation Show @ Great Hall: All patients welcome

July 12 Picnic @ Ward 39: Order of the Eastern Star

July 13 Open House @ Great Hall: VFW Post 7294

July 13 Bingo party @ CLC: VFWA Post 845

July 17 Social @Ward 59A patients only: VFWA Post 5956

July 19 Annual Picnic @ Great Hall: Military Order of the Cooties Aux.

July 19 Luncheon (Ephrata): Elks

July 20 Open House @ Great Hall

July 26 Annual Picnic @ Gorgas Park, Roxborough: 21st Ward Veterans Assn.

Aug 3 Open House, @ CLC: VFW Post 6759

Aug3 Open House @ Great Hall: VFW Post 7362

Aug 7 Reading Phillies Baseball, @ Reading

Aug BBQ, Bingo @ Millersville VFW Post 7294

Aug 9 Bingo/Picnic @ AMVETS

Aug 10 Open House, @ Great Hall: VFW Post 287

Aug 13 Vet's Cruise @ Harrisburg: CLC 138A only

Aug 16 Picnic: American Legion #184, all patients welcome

Aug 17 Bingo party @ CLC: VFWA Post 845

Aug 17 Open House @ Great Hall: VFWA Post 287

Aug 18 Phillies Game 5pm @ Citizens Park

Aug 24 Open House 2pm @ CLC : VFW Post 6759 Reinholds

Aug 26 Phillies Game 5pm @ Citizens Park

Sept 1 Annual Picnic @ Great Hall: VFW/VFWA Dept. of PA

Sept 7 Open House @ Great Hall: VFW Post 3376

Sept 7 Open House @ CLC: American Legion #82

Sept 9 Phillies Game @ Citizens Park

Sept 10 Social Party @ Ward 59B/59B patients only: Daughters of the American Revolution

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Sept 10 2pm@ Ward 59A /59A patients only: VFWA Post 7294

Sept 13 Annual Picnic @ Great Hall: Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Auxiliary

Sept 14 Picnic @ Wolmelsdorf: VFW

Sept 14 Open House @ Great Hall

Sept 21 Luncheon @ VFW Post 106

Sept 21 Open House @ Great Hall

Sept 25 Craft Clinic @ Great Hall: Susan Kissinger

Sept 25 Social Party @ Ward 59A/5A patients only: VFWA Post 5956

Sept 28 Picnic @ Great Hall: Rotary Club/ ReMax Realty

